Power, Coal and Railway Linkages have also been provided;

(d) what was the original estimated cost of the project and how much escalation has taken place;

(e) how the power will be shared between Haryana and NTPC after completion of the project; and

(f) how the finances have been arranged and by when the execution of the project is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (f) A proposal has been received from National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for setting up a 840 MW thermal plant at Yamuna Nagar in Haryana. Construction of the project has not commenced as the funding for this project has not been tied up, and investment approval is yet to be accorded. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2198.00 crores at 2nd quarter 1992 price level. The question of escalation arises only after investment approval by the Government. The State Government has proposed that Haryana be given an additional share in power proportionate to their contribution to the project cost.

Losses incurred by SEBs

4360. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of State Electricity Boards yielding surplus production:

(b) what are the names of SEBs incurring losses; and

(c) what are the extent of their accumulated losses, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) A Statement showing SEB-wise cumulative surplus/losses as on 31-3-1991, after taking into account the subsidy provided in their accounts, is enclosed as Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 69].

Frequent Power Break Down in the Country

4361. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is frequent breakdown in power supply in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the power situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) During the current year, there have been no major grid break downs so far in the Northern and Southern Regions, while there were only one each in Western Region on 15th June, 1992, Eastern Region on 29th April, 1992 and North Eastern Region on 16th April, 1992. The power break downs were mainly due to lack of any spinning reserve, lack of redundancy in transmission systems, inadequate load management, theft of transmission tower members by miscreants leading to their collapes etc.

(c) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in the country are expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of Transmission & Distributitn losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas. etc.